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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6151
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FOR NEA/PAB

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BENC, ETEL, AF
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: AFGHAN COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

REF: A) STATE 11868; B) KABUL 374

1. WHILE WE APPRECIATE INTELSAT'S RESPONSIVENESS -- AS REPORTED REFTEL A -- AND THE LOGIC OF COMBINING A VISIT TO KABUL WITH THE TEHRAN MEETING, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT THE KABUL VISIT SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL APRIL. MAY WE REPEAT WHAT WE REPORTED IN REFTEL B, NAMELY THAT COMMUNICATIONS DEP MINISTER ZAHIR INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT THEY WILL NOT PROCEED ON THEIR EARTH STATION PROJECT UNTIL THEY CAN FIRST CONSULT WITH A KNOWLEDGEABLE INTELSAT OFFICIAL.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) IS IN THE FINAL STAGE OF DECISION MAKING REGARDING THEIR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. OUR INPUT TO THIS PROCESS NOW RPT NOW MIGHT SERVE NOT ONLY TO ASSIST THE GOA IN MAKING THE MOST RATIONAL CHOICES OF SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT IT COULD ALSO ENHANCE THE CHANCES FOR U.S. SUPPLIERS IN THIS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT. THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO GUARANTEE THAT SUCCESS WOULD BE
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ASSURED FOR U.S. FIRMS, BUT IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER INFLUENCE WE MIGHT HAVE WILL BE LOST BY A THREE-MONTH DELAY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: I URGE THAT INTELSAT RECONSIDER THE TIMING OF THE KABUL VISIT. THE SOONER THAT IT CAN TAKE PLACE, THE BETTER.

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